



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2009)

Chair: Franziska Lys

Members: Ernie Brauchli, Lisa Egli, Daniel Keller, Gilles Noyer, John Paluch,

We are happy to report that we were able to support quite a few students in their scholarly pursuits this year even though less funds were available: we awarded scholarship in the amount of almost \$ 40'000. The 2009 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>.

Merit Scholarship

We continue to award the *Merit Scholarship* to highly qualified, low-income students with plans to study at a four-year college. This is our way to support the city of Chicago. In 2009, we asked students from three Chicago Public High-Schools to compete for a total of \$10,000. The students who applied were highly motivated with ambitious personal and educational goals. After reviewing the applications, the committee gave out five scholarships, each \$2000: two to Jones College Preparatory School, two to Lane Tech High School and one to Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy.

Two-Week Language Immersion at Concordia Language Villages

This continues to be a very popular scholarship. The committee again received more than 80 applications in March for a two-week language immersion experience at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. We awarded twelve two-week scholarships of \$1385 (with Concordia offering a rebate of \$250 per child) for a total of \$16,620. Eleven scholarships were awarded to students in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. One scholarship was given to the winner of the AATF language contest.

Undergraduate College Support Scholarships

The *Undergraduate College Support Scholarships* provide support to students for their college education. This scholarship again attracted a wonderful group of applicants, twenty-six in total. After careful evaluation of all applications, we selected the winners: eight in Category I (Seniors in High School), five in Category II (Freshmen in College), and eight in Category III (Sophomore or Juniors in College). The scholarship amounts ranged from \$1,000, to \$500 per scholarship. We awarded a total of \$13,000.

Applications for the 2010 scholarships are available from the webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail. We will continue to provide support for underprivileged yet ambitious students in the Chicago area who are planning to go to college. We will continue to support undergraduate students going to college, and we will collaborate again with Concordia to provide scholarships for their language immersion program in the summer 2010. Many thanks goes to the members of the Education Committee who continue to help administer the scholarships and select the winners



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Respectfully submitted,
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Franziska Lys, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee



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WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS 2009 (\$ 1385 each)

GERMAN

Rose Gallenberger / 11th grade
Kaitlin O'Donnell / 10th grade
Heather Funai / 10th grade
Katina Weber / 9th grade
Rachel Atherton / 9th grade
Oquendo Paryss Paige / 8th grade
Emma Traband / 7th grade
Jessica M. Weber / 6th grade
Daisyareli Martin / 5th grade

FRENCH

Leticia Gutierrez / 10th grade
Damiana Andonora / 10th grade

AATF

Yekaterina Alferova

WINNERS OF THE SBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2009 (\$ 2000 each)

Acasto Diana (Lane Tech College Prep)
Bartucci Jessica (Jones College Prep)
Miller Alison (Jones College Prep)
Velasco Daniel (Gwendolyn College Prep)
Zakaria Mustafa (Lane Tech College Prep)

WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS 2009/2010

Group I

Crosby Benjamin	\$ 1000
Paschke Aaron	\$ 1000
Moser Bailey	\$ 500
Rohner Aubrey	\$ 500
Lenser Paul	\$ 500
Inglin Eric	\$ 500
Peterson Vincent	\$ 500
Szulc-Cieplicki Marc	\$ 500

Group II

Zraggen Yvonne	\$ 1000
Kuenzle Paula	\$ 500
Wilhelm Tessa	\$ 500
Burgess Amanda	\$ 500
Laborde Anna	\$ 500

Group III

Paschke Daniel	\$ 1000
Olson Sven	\$ 1000
Wells Dustin	\$ 500



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Duvoisin Andrew	\$ 500
Ciupka Stephanie	\$ 500
Grisa Jacob	\$ 500
Roose Laura	\$ 500
DeVore Katrina	\$ 500

Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support

School-year 2010/2011

The Swiss Benevolent Society is sponsoring scholarship awards for tuition support for undergraduate college students of Swiss decent* having permanent residence in the greater Chicago area. The goal is to support and encourage students to pursue an education tailored to their interests and talents.

- Who can apply: High school seniors or College students.
- ◆ The applicant must be either a Swiss national with permanent US residency permit or of Swiss decent with documents of proof.
 - ◆ The applicant must reside permanently in the state of Illinois or Southern Wisconsin (Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, LaFayette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties only). Swiss students studying in the US on a student or visitor's visa are not eligible.

Application: The application material is be available on our web site (<http://sbschicago.org>) Application deadline is April 15, 2010.

Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only. Winners will be notified after June 15, 2010.

Award level: Awards are for tuition only.

*Preference will be given to applicants studying for their first undergraduate degree.

Scholarship Awards for a Two-Week Language Immersion at Concordia

Summer 2010

The Swiss Benevolent Society is sponsoring scholarship awards for a two-week language immersion experience in French, German or Italian at the Concordia Language Villages in Northern Minnesota in the summer of 2010.

Who can apply: Any student between the ages of 8 to 18 residing in Illinois, Wisconsin, or Indiana.



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Application: The application material is available on our web site (<http://sbschicago.org>). Application deadline is March 15, 2010.

Notification: Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2010.

Award level: Awards are for tuition only. Winners are responsible for travel costs.

If you would like an application form through the mail, write to: Swiss Benevolent Society, Education Committee, P.O. Box 2137, Chicago, IL 60690-2137. For questions, send e-mail to the following address: education@sbschicago.org.